

Glebe School

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Dear Parent/Carer,

Department for Education (DfE) Schools COVID-19 operational guidance July 2021

By now, I am sure that you are aware of the government's plan to move to the final stage of easing COVID-19 restrictions from Monday 19th July. I am writing to update you about these changes and how they will effect school operations from the start of next term.

From 19th July (The final week of term)

With many Bromley schools reporting high COVID-19 cases and with many pupils and staff continuing to self-isolate, we have taken the decision to remain cautious over these last four days by keeping our current COVID-19 safety measures in place. Therefore, bubbles will remain in place and we are still advising that pupils wear face coverings in corridors and on transport. Nobody wants to be self-isolating during the holidays!

The arrangements for contact tracing will also change from 19th July and you will receive a separate letter about this.

Glebe School – Back to School & Testing Arrangements

From September, we will be following the government guidance and staggering the start of term to enable us to carry out on-site pupil testing. Pupils will be tested twice only in school during the first week and then testing should continue at home twice weekly until the end of September, when further guidance should be released. If you have previously consented for your child to be tested at school, we will continue to use this consent, but If you would like to withdraw your child from testing, then please ring or email the school.

	PUPILS IN SCHOOL	PUPILS BEING TESTED	
FRIDAY 3 SEPTEMBER	ONLY: Year 7 Year 11 The Den Sixth Form	Year 7 Year 11 The Den Sixth Form	TEST 1
MONDAY 6 SEPTEMBER	All PUPILS	Year 8 Year 9 Year 10	TEST 1
TUESDAY 7 SEPTEMBER	All PUPILS	Year 7 Year 11 The Den Sixth Form	TEST 2
WEDNESDAY 8 SEPTEMBER	All PUPILS	-	-
THURSDAY 9 SEPTEMBER	All PUPILS	-	-
FRIDAY 10 SEPTEMBER	All PUPILS	Year 8 Year 9 Year 10	TEST 2



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Bubbles, Face Coverings and Self-isolation from September

From the start of next term, the government guidance is that there is no more need for face covering or year group bubbles. The guidance also states that from the 16th August anyone under 18 will not be required to self-isolate when they have been in contact with a positive case. Isolation will only be required for the symptomatic person.

Although this is welcomed, and we intend to follow the guidance, please be aware that this could easily change over the course of the summer depending on government COVID-19 updates. If there are any significant changes, I will write to you towards the end of August.

Finally, a reminder that Thursday 22nd July 2021 is the last day of term for pupils.

Thank you for your continuing support and I wish you all a very happy and relaxing summer.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Ian Travis
Headteacher

